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This fact sheet presents recent employment and unemployment figures for the Atlantic City Metropolitan Statistical Area, New Jersey, and the United States. In addition, pay indexes for the larger metropolitan area that includes Atlantic City are shown. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The Producer Price Index (PPI) measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The Employment Cost Index (ECI) measures price changes or inflation of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. An occupational pay relative is a calculation of pay—wages, salaries, commissions, and production bonuses—for a given metropolitan area relative to the nation as a whole; the calculation controls for differences among areas in occupational composition, establishment, and occupational characteristics, and the fact that data are collected for areas at different times during the year.

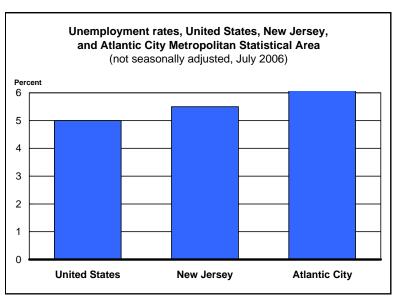
Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	July 2005	July 2006	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	195.4	203.5	4.1
Northeast	207.9	217.5	4.6
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	191.0	199.2	4.3
Northeast	204.0	213.5	4.7
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	July 2005	July 2006 ^(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	155.5	162.0	4.2
All commodities	156.3	167.1	6.9
Industrial commodities	159.1	171.6	7.9

p = preliminary

Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	July 2005	July 2006 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	7,839.0	7,602.0	-237.0	-3.0
New Jersey	215.0	248.7	33.7	15.7
Atlantic City	7.6	9.0	1.4	18.4

p = preliminary



Employment Cost Index	June	June	Percent
(December 2005 = 100)	2005	2006	change
Total Compensation-Private Industry			
United States	98.9	101.7	2.8
Northeast	98.5	101.8	3.4
Occupational pay relatives (U.S. = 100)	July 2004		
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City			
All occupations	107		
Management, business, and financial	107		
Professional and related	108		
Service	106		
Sales and related	112		
Office and administrative support	108		
Construction and extraction	106		
Installation, maintenance, and repair	107		
Production	101		
Transportation and material moving	108		

Nonfarm payroll employment

(not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	July 2005	July 2006 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	133,413.0	135,174.0	1,761.0	1.3
New Jersey	4,070.8	4,099.9	29.1	0.7
Atlantic City	156.8	160.1	3.3	2.1

p = preliminary

Atlantic City MSA payroll employment by major industry sector

(not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Industry	July 2005	July 2006(p)
Total nonfarm	156.8	160.1
Construction and mining	6.7	6.5
Manufacturing	4.3	4.2
Trade, transportation and utilities	22.5	23.3
Professional and business	10.0	9.4
Financial activities	4.4	4.0
Education and health services	17.6	18.4
Government	22.6	23.5

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Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

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The Atlantic City Metropolitan Statistical Area comprises Atlantic County. The Northeast Census Region comprises Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.